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Dear Werner:

I had hoped to find some opportunity to see you Friday when I was at Bethesda, but my time was too short. Anyhow, I had brought along the E. coli cultures you had written to Esther about, but failing a chance to leave them directly with you, I left them with Louis Baron at Walter Reed Hospital to be forwarded to you during the next few days. The cultures are described on the enclosed shipping tickets. We hope to see you next week at Oak Ridge.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. I hope that Morales executed his promise to send you notice of my visit. The audience at the NMRI was not congenial to a detailed account: you may be interested to hear of some recent findings on the possible role of gene products in "abortive transductions" of motility, as I am preparing to discuss at the Oak Ridge meetings.